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In some systems, the physical unit may be divided into several separately identifiable volumes.

2) In [audio](#), volume is the loudness of the signal.

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